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N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

To the successful candidates belong the spoils.

Six members of the present legisla-Smith.

Our State solons are not doing as much as former legislators. Not one bill relating to catching fish in or near Contentnea creek has been introduced.

Fishing is a very uncertain sport In throwing out a line on the subject, we may be pardoned for suggesting that very few seine men ever go fish-

The Mercury, a model Alliance paper dropped all the way from Hickory to Raleigh Wednesday, in the person of editor J. F. Click, who is a legislative clerk.

Now that Governor Carr has written his 28,000 word message, and it has been read before the legislature, the Governor has nothing to do but sit and watch his mustache grow.

If it is not out of order, we rise to suggest that if the Public Printer's salary is to be let out to the lowest bidder, why not go further and let out the salaries of the members of the legislature in the same way-and, in fact, everything else? No discrimination, please.

Congressman Jerry Simpsca, of Kansas, is nothing if not a humorist. Last Wednesday he stated on the floor of the House that as the representatives of the Democratic and Republican parties were so backward about claiming the credit of killing the Carlisle currency bill, he would now claim that honor on behalf the People's party.

The Lodge Weekly is the title of a handsome and interesting paper just started in this city. It will represent three great orders, Odd Fellows, Masons and Pythians, each having several thousand members in the State. Bros. Smith, Faison and Andrews are the editors and managers. Leading men in the different secret societies will contribute to it weekly. It ought to meet with success.

The chief event on the other side of the big pond during the past week was the resignation of M. Casimir-Perier, counted the pulsations in the wrists of President of France, who was elected the legislative solons of Alabama and some months ago to succeed President Carnot, who was assasinated. M. Francis Felix Faure, members of the Chamber of Deputies, was elected to fill the vacancy. The cause of the resignation of such an important position is a mystery, and was entirely unexpected.

calculated to break down bankers in the State, and will not do so. Bankers and private individuals who may have an opportunity to do a profitable business, and the great mass of busi-

FACTS ABOUT COTTON.

The advent of five cent cotton may ultimately work a vast advantage to the South by compelling a greater diversity in the crops grown. The farmers of New England and the Middle States have been for some years past undergoing a similar process of tuition not less severe, to the effect corn, wheat and hay can be grown on a margin only barely profitable under the most favorable conditions. The future of successful agriculture in the North is now regarded as a matter of intensive culture and exacting econ omy of materials, coupled with an intelligent use of artificial manures. The South has practically the same problems to solve. Not only must a greater variety of staple crops be grown, but also greater care is necessary in the use of the fertilizing elements,

Many correspondents of the Southern press have stated that the reduced cotton acreage of 1895 will lessen expenses by a corresponding reduction in fertilizer purchases. This is a most absurd proposition. Restricting the the same as reducing the rations of a ning to see their great mistake. horse or other farm stock. Fertilizers are food to plants as corn, oats, and hay are food for stock; without them no useful purpose may be gained. The cultural cost of growing an acre of corn is practically the same, whether twenty or sixty bushels are produced, by proper fertilization. However thorough may be the tillage, it cannot re- ity, says: place the elements of fertility-potash, nitrogen, and phosphoric acid.

The experiment stations have re peatedly shown that the soils of the South are almost universally deficient in potash, and yet fertilizers having at a moderate salary, whose duty compared with phosphoric acids, con- graph office in the State, examine the

country. Dr C. W. Dabney, Assistant Sec Fertilizer, that the average potash requirement of the whole plant of the several staple crops of the country is about three and a half times the rethree shower to the uncommon name of quirement of phosphoric acid. To illustrate in detail the whole cotton plant contains 3 pounds of potash to 1 pounds to 1; corn, 4 to 1; cow pea, 4 to 1. The proportion of potash is inva-

acid, yet commercial fertilizers reverse these proportions. When it is consid ered that the value of a fertilizer is measured by its, relatively most deficient component, it is readily seen that many thousands of dollars are spent annually by farmers for materials they do not need. A safe proportion is to insist upon a potash percent age, not less than that of the phosphoric acid and preferably greater.

The Populist legislative caucus has nominated Hon. Marion Butler for the long term U. S. Senatorship. Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard was nominated for the short term by the Republican cau cus. A joint caucus was held last Tuesday evening and the two nominations ratified. Both will be voted for to day and elected without opposition. Both gentlemen are so well known that anything in the way of a sketch at this time would be superflous. The Demo crats held a caucus Friday night and nominated Hon. T. W. Mason and Hon. Lee S. Overman. Doubtless they will get the full Democratic strength, but, of course, the Democrats are simply playing "Senator" and have no possible chance to get their nominees elected.

THOSE GAY DECEIVERS.

Senator David B. Hill is the hero in the latest plutocratic novel. It is a yellow (gold) backed novel. He still wants to be President and Democratic \$100.00. plutocratic circles are all in an uproar. The excitement is simply intense. They want David B. to succeedthat is, if the people can be humbugged into voting for him. Otherwise David RALEIGH, N. C. Then mail it. If will be left at home and some other directed, sealed and stamped and baldheaded goldbug will suit Wall Street just as well.

South to feel the public pulse. He made a speech at the State capitol. But it was no good. He came to Atlanta. The excitement over the event caused but few heart failures. He even made a speech at Charlotte while the other passengers were eating supper, and perhaps at other places. All of it fell flat. Wall Street was disap-The 6 per cent interest bill is not pointed and concluded that Cleveland was the fellow who could set the hair

on the Southern voter. Now they are putting Hill forward have a little money to lend will still again. He has resurrected a letter in the city last week. He is always a purporting to have been written to an welcome visitor. Atlanta editor in 1892 in which Hill ness professional people and farmers swore eternal love for silver. For two will be benefited It will not drive long disastrous years the country has several days. He attended the Masonic tribution from the Business Agency

sentatives in Congress, and the first time that David B. has opened his mouth is to inform the public that he wrote a letter in 1892 favoring silver money, and he seizes the opportunity to shed a few tears and try to fool somebody by saying a friendly word now for the white metal that our Creator made especially for the leading money metal, but which has been set aside by John Sherman, Grover Cleveland, and their rascally associates Not to-day Mr. Goldbug. You can't palm David B. Hill off on us as you did Grover the II.

YOUNG TELEGRAPH OPERATORS

It is stated as a fact that a majority increase in accidents and collisions is turning. doubtless largely due to this cause.

We understand that there is a bill before the legislature to remedy this matter. It ought to pass. We think elements of plant growth is precisely the owners of the railroads are begin-

Prof. Arthur T. Abernethy, A. M., of Rutherford College, has favored us with a letter on this subject. Prof. lows: Abernethy is a practical railroad telegrapher, having followed that occupaa government book on telegraphy, and the latter may be accomplished only therefore, an authority. The editor of The Dixie Telegrapher, also an author-

> "It is folly to expect a telegraph superintendent to inspect and govern the operating ability of his men."

Prof. Abernethy is of the opinion that a State Examiner should be elected this element relatively deficient as should be to visit every railroad telepetency, and report any and all incompetent operators. The bill before the retary of Agriculture, has shown legislature provides for something of in a recent paper in the American this kind, and, if passed, doubtless would tend to reduce the number of railroad accidents very greatly.

MONEY LOST, WHY?

We have received two letters since January 1, 1895, which had been opened, and were open when we re pound of phosphoric acid; tobacco, 10 ceived them. Each of these letters came in our well known private en envelopes, directed with large, plain riably greater than that of phosphoric type to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, RALEIGH, N. C. Each of these letters enclosed a Postal Money Order, made payable to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. It is evident that we would not have seen either of them had they enclosed cash instead of money orders.

Nor is this all. Recently we have received several letters complaining that we did not receipt for money sent us which we had not received, and which we have not yet received. In these cases it was money sent by mail and unregistered instead of money

For the protection of our friends, and all others concerned, we would advise the use of the Postal Money Order, or the Express Money Order. Postal Money Orders can be procured at any office of any size. The fee for any amount under \$2 50 is 3 cents; from \$2 50 to \$5 00 the fee is 5 cents. You can get an Express Monoy Order at any railroad station. Fees for Express Money Orders are as follows:

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and for Express Money Orders are the same for amounts over \$5.00 up to

Procure your money order made payable to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Enclose it in an envelope and direct plainly to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, mailed properly, it is safe. If you cannot procure an order, as above, you In 1892 Wall Street sent David down | can register any letter at any office for a fee of 8 cents.

Any postmaster or express agent will give you further information if

PERSONAL AND PERTINENT.

Mr. A. L. Swinson, a prominent Alli anceman of Wayne county, was in the city last week.

Mr. W. H. Schoolfield, of Reidsville, a well known reformer, is a candidate for Railroad Commissioner.

Major W. A. Graham, of Lincoln county, Trustee of the B. A. fund, was

capital out of the State, nor keep it out. Let the bill pass. The people demand it.

Daniel Lane, Craven; J N Beal, Clause and has since been watch fund, unless it was a case where the party withdrawing same was in needy demand it.

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MEETING OF NATIONAL ALLI-ANCE.

The prospects for a full and important meeting of the National Alliance here February 5th, grow better every day. Much important business will come before the meeting.

Members of the L. L. Polk Alliance living in and near the city, and other friends, will take the delegates and officers to their homes and entertain them during the meeting. Lowest possible rates will be secured for all visiting brethren from this and other States. By entertaining the delegates and officers the National Alliance will not be drawn upon so heavily for expenses of the meeting and the brethren will be of the railroad telegraph operators in taken care of and made comfortable North Carolina are under 18 years of and to feel at home. In purchasing age. This is wrong. The lives of the tickets at any point in the United traveling public should not be in the States, get a certificate from the agent hands of new beginners. The great so you can secure a one-third rate re-

THE LATEST OUTRAGE.

It has just been discovered that this Congress has passed a bill clandestinely to increase their income in a small way. They long ago voted themselves \$125 annually to pay their postage. The section of a new law reads as fol-

"The Vice President, members, and members elect of, and delegates and tion for several years. He is author of | delegates elect to Congress shall have the privilege of sending through the mails, and under their frank, any mail matter to any government official or to any person, correspondence not ex ceeding one ounce in weight, upon offi cial or departmental business.

Of course they neglected to repeal the section of the old law, giving them \$125 annually for this purpose, and they will pocket that in addition to franking their letters through the mails. It is believed that the section above was added to the bill after it was read, or else was not noticed by the honorable members when the bill was read

QUITE TRUE.

We are sorry to see that so many of our Alliance brethren have lost their zeal in the work. We know times are hard money is scarce and that time is precious, yet if we neglect the only organ ization in the interest of the farmers and laboring men, we will be the sufferers. It has saved farmers millions of dollars, and will continue to do so, if they will stick to it, which is an abso lute necessity.—Hickory Mercury.

BRO. ROBINSON IS DISSATISFIED, T00.

The North Carolina law-makers put in some more new bills yesterday. "Reduce, repeal and change," is their cry. They even want to change Thanksgiving Day. The next thing we know they will not want us to have Christmas on the 25th of December, and they will want to change Easter to about the middle of the week. The Populists and Republicans together are a great combination. They appear to be dissatisfied with everything as it now stands.—Durham Daily Sun.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Supreme Council National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union.

Will convene at Raleigh, N. C., on the first Tuesday in February, 1895, at 12 o'clock m. Representation, one delegate from each State and one additional delegate for each 10,000 mem-

Delegates and visitors to the above convention will consult their interest by purchasing tickets to Raleigh via Washington and the Southern railway via Lynchburg, Danville and Greensboro. Fast limited trains leave Washington from Pennsylvania passenger station at 11:01 a. m. and 10:05 p. m. daily, taking up connections from the North and East. The Southern railway owns and operates the entire line from Washington to Raleigh, guaranteeing to delegates continuous passage through to Raleigh, traversing that part of Virginia and North Carolina full of historic interest and unsurpassed scenery. Delegates from the South Rockingham; John M Whitaker, Alahad better purchase tickets via Atlanta and the Southern railway, via Charlotte and Greensboro to Raleigh.

The dedication of the monument to the late President L. L. Polk, it is believed, will bring together a large number from all parts of the country.

The reform press will please copy. RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by L. L. Polk, Alliance, Raleigh Resolved, That all members of the Alliance, in good and regular standing, now in the city attending the legislature, or visiting brethren, be specially and cordially invited to attend meet ings of L. L. Polk Alliance.

2. That this, the L. L. Polk Alliance, will not receive any one as member, by dimit or otherwise, who worked for Capt. J. A. Stikeleather, of Olin, Ire- the repeal of the Charter of the State

3. That the action of both branches of the General Assembly, now in session, repealing Chapter 137 of the Acts of the Ganeral Assembly of 1893, changing the State Alliance Charter, is noted with pleasure by L. L. Polk Alliance, and that we now, in regular meeting, tender our thanks and gratitude to the members of the General Assembly for their prompt action in this matter, which is of such great importance to the future growth, development and prosperity or the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance.

4. That these resolutions be published in the Organ of the State Alliance, with request that reform papers copy. J. N. HUBBARD, Pres.

CALL MEETING.

R. W. Sossaman, Sec.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. OREGON, N. C.

Please say to the members of the Alliance of Rockingham county that there is a call meeting of Rockingham County Alliance to meet at the court house on the 7th of February, 1895, to transact the business of the regular county meeting. Wish a good turnout W. D. WALL, Pres't.

CALL MEETING OF STATE RE-FORM PRESS ASSOCIATION.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 18, 1895. By request, we hereby call a meeting of the State Reform Press Association to meet in the city of Raleigh at 10 a, m. on the 6th of February, 1895. The National Alliance will be in session at that time and a full attendance of the reform editors is desired.

J. L. RAMSEY, Pres't. W. S. BARNES. Sec'v.

NOTICE.

To attendants on the Supreme Council of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union to be held at Raleigh, N. C., on the 5th of February, 1895. The general passenger agents of the Southern railroads at my request have recommended to all their connections a rate of one fare and a third for those who attend the national meeting. I can't say how many of the roads will agree to this rate, but let all who attend ask for the rate and take receipt for money paid. Your return will be made on the certificate of the secretary that you attend the meeting. State secretaries will please send in their reports at once. All reform papers copy.

D. P. DUNCAN, Sec'y-Treas. No pay no paper. If you don't soon

pay your paper will stop short off. THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

A Few Words With Our Friends Who Send in Subscriptions Weekly.

-John King, Wayne county, sends two subscriptions.

-J D Hampton, Cleveland county, sends three subscribers.

-E W Brown, Randolph county, sends a new subscriber. -N J Walker, Currituck county,

-W K Rhodarmer, Haywood cour. ty, sends two subscribers.

-A E Myers, Davidson county, sends

-J W McGinnis, Cleveland county sends a club of three subscribers.

sends two subscriptions.

a club of eight. Accept thanks. -Nixon Presnell, Randolph county, sends a club of three month subscrip-

-J W Jones, Guilford county, sends a club of eight subscribers. Thanks,

brother. -T Q Capeland, Hertford county renews and sends a new subscriber in addition.

-William Murdach, Secretary Ran dolph county, sends a club of three subscriptions

Our space is limited this week, so we will thank the following friends briefly: D S Irwin, Iredell county M H Gordon, Union; J C Neal, English, Texas; M Zachary, Edgecombe; J S Stewart, Cleveland; W H Schoolfield, mance; A H Rochell, Durham; A A Hux, Halifax; P H Flord, Currituck John M Stout, Chatham; N A Cates, Orange; W S Townsend, Cumberland; R L Beaman, Green; John A McLean; Robeson; R W Cain, Bladen; Tom Murphy, Pitt; C A Honycutt, Stonly N A Williams, Cumberland; J D and John S Roberts, Rockingham, W L Garrard, Durham; J B West, Secretary Randolph: John S Myers, Anson; D Wahab, Hyde; E V Edgerton, A L Swinson, Wayne; S H Bright, Lenoir; A J Wood, Jackson; John A Sykes, Orange; J L Travis, Washington; C J Braswell, Union; W H Johnson, Franklin; J R Baldwin, Bladen; G E Kestler, Oabarrus; H M Swinson, Duplin; J S Milton, Rutherford; E G Butler, Vance; Albert Ashe, Northampton; JK Smith, Martin; JE Batts, Wilson; Benjamin W Hicks, Granville; Thornton P Dalton, Forsyth; Daniel Lane, Craven; JN Beal, Chathampton, P. O. Cata, Orange, E. P. Dealton,



The Major on His "Tour"-- Reaches "Asheville" After Many Tribula. tions'--His Prospects Only Medium.

B.-"Hello! Mr. Editor." R.-"Hello! Major. Your voice sounds very week, coming. as it does from "the land of the sky."

B .- "I reckin' it does sound weak

But I'm here at Asheful." I left home

last Wednesday. Betsy didn't want

me ter go on a tower, but I hed ter see if the dymakrat party kin be resusitated or bust. I bought a valice and Betsy put a couple ov clean shirts an sum other tricks in it, awlso sum grub ter eat on the way. She cried a guda deal when I started an' 'lowed I wuz breakin' her heart by my carryinson, I cum ter Raligh, stayed awl nite, an' left fer Asheful at 5 an' 45 in the mornin'. Kurnel Johnsin tole me! hed better go ter the meatropilis of the west an' see how the land iz lavin' furst. When I bought my ticket at Raleigh I tole the railroad agent my name an' that I wuz goin' on a tower ter see if the dymakrat party could be propped up, an asked him if he couldn't make a little reduckshun in the fare. He sed he couldn't. I awlso asked him if he reckoned they'd be enny ov them conferdence men on the trane ter rob me. He 'lowed he thought most ov 'em were in Washington, an that I would be safe. When I got on the train I knowed it wuz the thing ter do ter make myself solid with awl ov em, When the Konductor cum through a punchin' tickets I hed done bought two segars frum the news pitcher, or whatever you call 'em. I tole the konducter whol wuz an' what I wuz up to, an wanted him ter smoke with me. He sed he had promised hiz mother not ter smoke, an' that it wuz ergainst the rules, ennyhow. I got acquainted with the news pitcher an' tole him whut I wuz up ter. He sed he wuz fer me tooth an' toe nails, an' if I wanted ter be guvernor jist ter say so. He wuz so nice I bought two or three papers, two books, sum chewin' gum an tole him ter remember me. He sed he would. I awlso bought a little trick ter write my name on an tie ter the handle ov my valice. The train run like awl tarnashun, an' afore I knowed it we were at Greensburrow. I changed cars an' wuz soon scootin' toward Salisberry. I interduced myself ter the new konductor, awlso the new news pitcher. The news pitcher wanted me ter buy anothur stock ov books, papers an'othur goods. I asked him if he wuz fer me fer Kongress or Guvernor. He 'lowed he'd spill his last drop of blood for me fer enny office frum a revenue persitshun up ter president. I went down into my clothes ergin an' bought an' armful ov chewin' gum, segars, books, dried fligs, an' things. I asked the konducter if they wuz enny promernent polyticians ov my faith an' order on the train, if so ter interduse me. He sed he wuzent erquaint with the passengers. By this time we were at Salisberry an' changed cars ergin. I struck a new news boy-I interduced myself. He looked at my stock ov stuff what I hed bought frum the other boys an' wanted ter know where I wuz movin' my stock to. I tole him how it wuz. He smiled an' 'lowed that sich liberal, paterotick men orter fill high persistions an' that he wuz fer me till awl the buttons fell off hiz cote. I bought a walkin' cane an' sum little books with fotograffs of the mountains. I scooted along lookin at the beautiful an' wonderful mountains, an' soon reached Asheful. I asked fer the best hotel an' they tuk me ter the Flattery Mark. I hung out there fer half a day an' hearin one ov the porters say that only rich men stop there, I konkluded ter investergate. The clerk tole me he wouldn't pull me fer but \$6 per day. I paid up an got out quickerin' you could say scat. I've bin figurin' eround sum ermong the Asheful dymakrat polertishuns, but haint met much encouragemint. I'll tell you lots more erbout it after I stay here a few days. Gudebye.

It has leaked out that the new Gov ernor of Delaware can neither read nor write. The people up there know a good thing when they see it. They are